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Washington State Patrol and Loshbaugh Family Announce Settlement

The WSP and the family of Brock Loshbaugh have announced today that they have reached a settlement agreement to resolve a pending civil suit brought forth by the Loshbaugh family against the WSP.

On February 19, 2002, Brock Loshbaugh was hit and killed as he walked across the Bothell-Everett Highway. WSP Trooper Jason Crandall was driving his patrol car when it struck Brock Loshbaugh. A civil lawsuit was filed against the State arising from the accident. Following extensive discovery and negotiations, the Loshbaugh family and the state have agreed upon a settlement of the lawsuit which will end the litigation between the parties.

"The WSP has learned a lot from Dan and Melodee Loshbaugh through this tragedy," explained WSP Captain Jeff DeVere. "In this case, the Loshbaughs in this case that the WSP failed to consider the perspective of the family and we did not treat them as we should have. Regardless of who is responsible for an incident, the WSP has a responsibility to do whatever we can to help families cope with sudden tragedies such as the loss of a loved one. I would expect no less as a parent, added DeVere."

"We appreciate the Loshbaugh's willingness to sit down with us to share their experience," he added. We have made changes to how we do our job. Since Brock's death we have assigned a WSP representative to liaison with the families who have lost a loved one to ensure they are advised of an investigation's status. We learned from the Loshbaugh's that we cannot forget as law enforcement officers that even though we see tragedies like this everyday, we must not forget the family's perspective. Families need to know what we are doing to determine the facts surrounding their loss and treat them with sensitivity and respect.

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